

May 29, 2007

A special meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber. Councilmembers present were: Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, and Vache.

ACCEPT EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR THE PARKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY LID LIFTS AND FORMALLY APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO PRO AND CON COMMITTEES

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated May 29, 2007, recommended accepting the wording in Attachment A, Alternative One in the explanatory statements for the Public Safety and Parks Levy Lid Lifts and formally appointing committee members to the Pro and Con Committees.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Mr. Vache, to accept the language in Attachment B, Alternative Two for Proposition One as modified by the following changes:

1. In the second bullet, delete "Education Hill" and replace with "Redmond" with the bullet to read, "Nine firefighters to support an aid car at the North Redmond Station No. 17."
2. In the third bullet, delete "a comprehensive school safety program" and replace with "regular police presence in the public schools" with the bullet to read, "Seventeen police personnel to support police operations and programs, including a police presence in the public schools."

Councilmember Allen stated, in the interest of full disclosure, she was asked to serve on a sub-committee to look at the language for the ballot. She understood that Councilmember Cole met with citizens of the Pro Committee where two other Councilmembers were present and unbeknownst to her, when the language was presented for her review, she made up the fourth Councilmember in the daisy chain. She said she wanted to get that on the record and also asked the City Attorney, Jim Haney, to provide parameters for Councilmember contact with the Pro Committee going forward.

Mr. Haney responded with respect to committee contacts, Councilmembers are free to have contact with the committees as citizens. If a quorum of the Council becomes present during any contact with those

committees that would require an open public meeting. He said the Council itself cannot take a position pro or con on the ballot measures except through the passage, collectively, of a motion or resolution, after public notice, urging the public to vote one way or the other.

Councilmember Allen expressed concern regarding a quorum of the Council having contact with the Pro and/or Con Committee. Mr. Haney answered anytime a quorum gets together with the intent of reaching a decision on a particular action that calls for an open meeting of the Council. Councilmember Cole clarified the discussion was between the Committee and himself to provide feedback. Councilmember Vache stated Councilmembers could not nor were they developing language for the ballot measure.

Councilmember Allen expressed concerns regarding Councilmembers having serial communications and the need to notice a meeting. Mr. Haney suggested recessing to an Executive Session since he was not aware of the details of the meeting that took place and was concerned about going too far into legal advice in open session.

Councilmember Cole clarified the actual language was written Friday morning and was not written at the meeting.

When asked to clarify when a majority of Councilmembers can be together, Mr. Haney responded in a social setting or when City business is not discussed, considered, transacted, evaluated, or public input is taken on City business. He commented Councilmembers can only work on campaigns as individuals and cannot campaign as Councilmembers. He cautioned against Councilmembers getting together as a group to campaign just to avoid the appearance of a meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:43 p.m., the Mayor recessed the meeting to an Executive Session on potential litigation for approximately ten minutes. The meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

ACCEPT EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR THE PARKS AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY LEVY LID LIFTS AND FORMALLY APPOINT COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS TO PRO AND CON COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

The Mayor commented, in order to be accurate and provide clarity, the language defining the average assessed value of a home in Redmond as \$413,000 should be included in the explanatory statements.

Councilmembers agreed on a friendly amendment, by Councilmember Resha, to the motion to strike the language on Attachment B Alternative Two of "If both this Proposition and Proposition 2 (a proposed levy lid lift for parks) were approved by the voters, the total property tax levy would increase from \$1.18 to \$1.58 or by \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation."

Councilmembers agreed on a friendly amendment to the motion, by Councilmember McCormick, to add the wording on Attachment B Alternative Two of "Redmond's current rate of property tax is \$1.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation" after the first sentence.

Councilmembers agreed the language on the third bullet should read, "Seventeen police personnel to support police operations and programs, including a regular police presence in the public schools as part of a comprehensive school safety program."

Councilmembers Cole and Vache accepted the language changes as friendly amendments to the original motion.

Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to accept the language in Attachment B, Alternative Two for Proposition 2 making the revised language consistent with Proposition 1.

Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Vache, to appoint Christine Enslein and Warren McKenzie to the Public Safety Pro Committee and Lori Snodgrass to the Parks Pro Committee.

Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0)

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

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CITY CLERK